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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 09/642,227 :  
RCE FILED: HERewith : GROUP ART UNIT: 3626  
FOR: MERCHANDISE PLANNING AND :  
DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND  
METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND A  
COMPUTER PRODUCT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 37 of this paper.